

Information for Students Contemplating a Teaching Career

Students wishing to major in English and earn a license to teach in the state of Tennessee should follow the courses in the English Teacher Licensure Concentration and plan on following the licensure curriculum below.

Students wishing to teach English at the college level do not need teaching licensure. They should plan on earning a master's degree and eventually a PhD after completing an undergraduate degree. (HOWEVER, students thinking of college teaching should be warned that the job market looks bleak.) Students planning on graduate school may want to pursue the Literary Studies or Cultural Studies concentration in order to prepare better for the GRE and admission to graduate school.

A Quick Overview of the MTSU Teacher Licensure Program (see more details below)

Pre-residency Courses:

YOED 2500 (Planning/Assessment)
prerequisite: admission to the licensure program (3 credits)

YOED 3000 (Classroom Management)
prerequisites: YOED 2500 and admission to the licensure program (3 credits)

YOED 3300 (Problem Based Instructional Strategies)
prerequisites: YOED 2500 and admission to the licensure program (3 credits)

Residency Courses:

YOED 4030 (Residency I: Grades 7-12)
prerequisite: completion of pre-residency (9 credits)

YOED 4400: (Residency II)
prerequisite: completion of residency I (12 credits)

Residency courses are offered on-site at a school where licensure students will get to observe and assist classroom teachers and eventually take over instruction of 7-12 English majors.

Important: Before you can register (or preregister) for any of these courses you must have been **admitted to the teacher education** program. This is a lengthy process, so plan to begin it when you have earned or are close to earning 30 hours (end of freshman year, beginning of sophomore year).

1. Complete an application for Admission to Teacher Education.
This application requires a fingerprint check and that you submit letters/references.
2. Take and pass the **Praxis I (PPST)** or submit **ACT or SAT** scores that exempt you from the Praxis I. (MTSU must receive an original test score from Educational Testing Service.)
3. Successfully complete at least **45 semester hours** with an **overall grade point average of 2.75** or higher.

For more detailed information go to http://www.mtsu.edu/edu_leadership/

All licensure students will have an Educational Leadership advisor as well as an English advisor.

More Pre-Residency Information for the Secondary Ready2Teach Program

Sequence of Courses

There are three pre-residency courses (YOED 2500, YOED 3000, YOED 3300) in the new secondary education minor. The ideal time to start this minor is during the second semester of the sophomore year. The YOED 2500 course must be taken first since it is a prerequisite for the other two.

Here is the recommended sequence for taking the pre-residency courses:

- YOED 2500 – Second semester sophomore year
- YOED 3000 – First semester junior year
- YOED 3300 – Second semester junior year

For those who enter the program late, YOED 3000 and YOED 3300 can be taken during the same semester. If one takes this route, one should be alert to the fact that this would require two separate field placements in two different schools during that semester.

Course Offerings

- YOED 2500 – Offered in the fall, spring and summer
- YOED 3000 – Offered each fall and spring
- YOED 3300 – Offered each fall and spring

Field placements for YOED 3000 and YOED 3300 require that students assume full or partial control of a public school classroom, so those courses must be taken while public schools are in session.

Registering for Classes

Once a grade of B or better has been obtained for YOED 2500, each student must contact the instructor of YOED 3000 and/or YOED 3300 to request a POD to register when one wants to take either class. Each student will need to supply that instructor with all of the following information:

- the name of the course you want to take (YOED 3000 or YOED 3300)
- the CRN number of the class that you want in
- the section number of the class that you want in
- your M number

Before sending in the request for a specific class, one should check to make sure that full enrollment has not been reached.

Grade Expectations: One must make a grade of B or better in each pre-residency education course.

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NOTE: English 4500 Methods of Teaching Secondary English, is required of all licensure students and is typically taken during Residency 1. Admission to ENGL 4500 is based on successful completion of at least 21 hours of upper-division English including the four core courses. Admission is POD which requires e-mailing the professor during pre-registration to ensure a spot.